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CONNECTION IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination on the merits, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~4-6~~ in favor of new claims ~~9-11~~ as follows:

- 9. An apparatus in a telecommunications system according to claim 1,  
characterised in that,  
a pool of filters is connected directly to the station side of a first access node.
10. An apparatus in a telecommunications system according to claim 1,  
characterised in that,  
a pool of filters is connected in front of at least one line card connector of a second  
access node.
11. An apparatus in a telecommunication system according to claim 1,  
characterised in that,  
a management system is provided to process retrieved additional user information  
whereby the established connection can be adapted according to user specifications.